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HARRISON-DIMMICK WEDDING PLANS.

Arrangements Now Complete for the Ex-President's Nuptials April 6.

St Thomas's Church Will Be an Enticing Bower of Easter's Choicest Flowers.

THE BRIDE'S GOWN A GEM OF TASTE.

As Customary with Widows, There Will Be No Bridesmaids, and the Best Man Will Not Be Named Until Next Week.

On Easter Monday at 4 o'clock Mrs. Mary Scott Dimmick will be married to ex-President Benjamin Harrison at St. Thomas's Church. The arrangements for the wedding have been made with secrecy, and it was only yesterday that the final details were fully settled.

The spirit of Easter will pervade the ceremonies. While the wedding will be a very quiet and small affair, to which only the relatives and intimate friends of General Harrison and his future bride will be invited, it will be one of the most beautiful of the season. Thorey has been given charge of the floral decorations, which will be arranged under the personal supervision of Mr. Humphreys.

The church will be like a field of lilies, with palm trees waving above them. The massive oaken pews will be curtained with palms, laced in an exquisitely delicate arabesque, shaded with purple and gold and warm crimson from the stained glass windows.

FLORAL BEAUTIES EVERYWHERE.

Quantities of white azaleas flushed with pink will form a dais for this altar-hanging, with here and there bits of deeper rose color, as though darkened by shadows. The altar rail will be hidden by lilies, which will be tied with garlands of bride roses looped with ribbon, and the choir will be completely hidden behind lilies broadened, as it were, in graceful sprays against a background of tropical foliage.

The delicate coloring of the azaleas will be carried out in the altar cloth, a wonderfully beautiful embroidery of white, pink and gold. Tall gilt vases will be arranged on this, overflowing with Easter lilies. The chancel floor around the pulpit and reading desk will be carpeted with azaleas, mingled with tender, young green ferns, and the steps below will be banked with flowers.

In the background, stretching to the galleries, will be garlands of lilies and green, which, on entering the church, will give the effect of a vista of flowers. This will be seen through an aisle of lilies. Tied to each pew in the centre aisle will be a bouquet of Easter lilies, fastened with bows of broad white satin ribbon, and a chain of lilies will be thrown across this flower lane to divide the seats assigned to relatives from those of friends.

THE BRIDE'S GOWN.

Those who are in Mrs. Dimmick's confidence say she will have no bridesmaids, as widows seldom, if ever, have any attendants except the ushers. The latter have been selected, as has also the best man, but their names are to be kept secret until General Harrison returns to New York next Friday.

Mrs. Dimmick is a remarkably handsome woman and one who understands thoroughly the art of dressing, so it is safe to predict that she will make a strikingly effective appearance. There is a quiet dignity about her that will insure everything connected with her wedding being done in perfect taste.

The Rev. Dr. John Wesley Brown, rector of St. Thomas's Church, will perform the ceremony, and an elaborate musical programme will be rendered by the quartet choir, supplemented by the large chorus of mixed voices, all under the direction of Dr. Warren, who will preside at the organ.

PAULINE HALL A MOTHER.

Nine-Pound Baby Girl Born to the Popular Prima Donna.

Pauline Hall, the comic opera prima donna, who is Mrs. George Z. McEllan in private life, became the mother of a nine-pound girl yesterday afternoon. In the stereotyped phraseology of the medical man in attendance, "mother and child are doing extremely well."

The important event occurred in the Hotel Majestic, where Mrs. McEllan has resided since her return to the city two months ago. She was starring in the opera "Dorcas," which closed its career, temporarily, in Cincinnati, early in January.

Mrs. McEllan said last night that it had been decided to call the new arrival after its mother—Pauline.

"The little one is a perfect darling," he exclaimed, enthusiastically, "and is the image of her mother."

Pauline Hall was married to Mr. McEllan early in 1892, shortly after she had obtained a divorce from Charles White, a clerk in a downtown broker's office. She is a Cincinnati girl, of German parentage, her maiden name being Schmittz. The little one who arrived yesterday is her first child. Mr. McEllan is manager for Nat Goodwin, and will sail for Europe in a few days to take charge of the comedian's Australian tour.

A Cannibal Queen

Of a South Sea Island wants to be annexed to Uncle Sam's Domains.

To-morrow's Royal SUNDAY JOURNAL will tell all about her.



ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH DURING THE HARRISON-DIMMICK NUPTIALS ON EASTER MONDAY.

The decorations of the interior of the church will be in keeping with the spirit of Easter. Lilies will predominate in the floral display, but huge palms and rare plants and blooms will be plentiful, while roses and azaleas will brighten the general color scheme. Mrs. Dimmick will not be attended by bridesmaids, and General Harrison will not announce his best man until after his arrival here next Friday.

MISS M'GRATH BURIED.

Dr. McDowell, Physician to the Imprisoned Langdon, Says He Has a Key to the Mystery.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 27.—Annie J. McGrath was buried this afternoon from the residence of her parents, No. 2018 Grant street. In spite of the attempts to keep secret the time of the funeral, people in the immediate neighborhood were on the lookout and crowded about the house in such numbers that the sidewalk was practically impassable. There were hundreds who did not live in the vicinity who went to the house out of idle curiosity. Besides the hearse there were but six carriages, and in the first of the latter were the four pallbearers, all members of the family.

Dr. Lehman and Dr. Mattern, of the Coroner's office, called at the City Hall this morning, and after a consultation with Police Surgeon Andrews had Langdon brought from his cell and submitted to another examination from a medical standpoint. Langdon consulted with his physician, Dr. McDowell, after the examination and expressed himself as being much better than yesterday. He has had a doctor placed in his cell, so that he can conduct his business behind the bars. His correspondence is under the espionage of the police.

It was authoritatively stated this morning that Dr. Lehman's analysis would be completed on Monday. To-day the chemist worked upon the blood, but the results, it is stated, are negative so far as poison of any kind is concerned. Dr. McDowell said this morning that he would confer with Langdon's attorneys, and that he had a theory which he thought was a key to the whole mystery. He declined to make this known until after he had seen Lawyer Arthur Moore.

Mrs. Langdon, who reached this city late last night from Pittsburgh, is living in seclusion and has not visited her husband. She had a consultation with Assistant District Attorney Barlow to-day, who is her counsel in her divorce proceedings. Bertha Stewart, the colored servant, who is the principal witness in the case, was taken seriously ill to-day, and, according to the physicians attending her, is threatened with brain fever.

A Wife-Beater Sent to Jail.

Henry Wadsworth Wells, a salesman, who was arrested Thursday on a charge of choking and threatening to kill his wife, Margaret, at their home, No. 611 Bedford avenue, Williamsburg, was arraigned yesterday in the Lee Avenue Police Court and sent to jail for twenty-nine days.

ARTISTIC GIFT TO THOMAS.

Magnificent Silver Testimonial to Be Presented to the Great Director This Evening.

Between the second and third parts of the concert by the Theodore Thomas orchestra in the Metropolitan Opera House to-night Mr. Thomas will be presented with the magnificent memorial crown, which has been subscribed to by his friends. Mr. Rudolph Aronson will deliver it into his hands.

The crown is given as a token of appreciation of Mr. Thomas's musical ability. It was on exhibition in Tiffany's yesterday, and is a beautiful example of the silversmith's art. The outline is that of a crown in an ornamental fashion, though the token is designed as a corset. Attributes of music are employed to describe the sentiments in connection with the gift, and the violin, the favorite instrument of Mr. Thomas, plays an important part in decoration by the scrollwork on the piece. Around the base are portraits of celebrated musicians, whose art has been so well interpreted by Mr. Thomas. Between these medallions is the ornamental torch of Hymen, denoting the marriage of musical art and the man who represents it. Lohengrin's swans also lend their graceful outlines to the general significance. The loops of the crown above the medallions are strengthened by garlands of ivy leaves—friendship—and a Greek ornamental lyre around the top assists the whole poetical construction to form a vessel of practical dimensions for a punchbowl. The case in which the testimonial is displayed takes the shape and color of a cello, proportioned to receive the silver crown.

Among those who subscribed to the testimonial are William Steinway, Henry Seligman, Frederick Crumwell, Frederick Dean, Charles H. Tutson, Warren Pond, Gustave A. Kerker, William Mason, Mrs. Walter Webb, Victor Herbert, Walter Damrosch, William C. Carl, John L. Burdette, Bruno Oscar Klein, B. J. Lang, Arthur Mess, S. B. Whitney, Montgomery Schuyler and Rudolph Aronson.

THE COURT SAYS THEY LIED.

Plain Talk About Some Witnesses in the Schacht Case.

Gertrude Schacht testified further for the defence yesterday in the suit for \$50,000 for alienation of her affections begun before Justice Gieglrich and a jury in the Supreme Court against Jacob Leuly, the real estate man. She told how Schacht had kept his mother-in-law waiting for the interest on \$2,000 she had loaned to him. Emil Leuly swore his brother was at home on the night the defendant was alleged to have passed with Mrs. Schacht at the Ashland House. He was corroborated by his sister, Eugenie Denzer, and her husband.

In his charge to the jury Justice Gieglrich said: "It is evident that some of the witnesses who have testified have lied. It is oath against oath, and it could not be the result of want of recollection in regard to material facts in the case. There is no escape from that conclusion."

He then told the jury to draw their conclusions from the conduct of the witnesses on the stand and the surrounding circumstances.

The jury retired at 5:50. Justice Gieglrich sent instructions for a sealed verdict, which will be read at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

"Yes, I favor the idea of having women serve as jurors, and hope to see them recognized at least as man's equal in all walks of life—for they certainly are."

Mr. James McNaught, formerly general counsel for the Northern Pacific Railroad and now a practitioner in this city, says: "Years ago I practised law for some time in Washington Territory, where women were privileged and obliged to sit as jurors, never saw verdicts rendered by juries that were more satisfactory to all parties concerned than during that time."

Delmonico Bound to Move.

Mr. Charles Delmonico stated last night that there was no foundation for the report that the negotiations looking toward the removal of his restaurant to the corner of Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue had been broken off. "All the details connected with the transaction," said Mr. Delmonico, "have been agreed upon and the contract has been closed. The restaurant will certainly move to the new location and Forty-fourth street."

WOMEN AND MEN AS FELLOW JURORS.

The Example of South Dakota Starts Discussion of the Subject in New York.

Supreme Court Justices Give Their Opinions For and Against the Proposition.

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON'S VIEWS.

Believes There Should Be an Equal Number of Women and Men on All Juries—In Divorce Cases Men Might Benefit.

In the case of Phipps versus Phipps, an action for divorce and the custody of a minor child, now in progress at Brookings, S. D., six men and six women compose the jury which will decide the case. This innovation was by order of the court and consent of counsel on both sides. The jury will endeavor to return special findings, the court having reserved to itself the right of deciding on the general verdict, as well as that of accepting or rejecting the findings.

This new spoke in the wheel of South Dakota's divorce machinery naturally invites much comment and interest throughout the East. Some Justices of the Supreme Court were asked their views.

Justice McAdam stated positively that he did not think the South Dakota jury system a good one, and said he did not look for anything of the kind to be introduced in New York State. "It wouldn't do at all, for various reasons. Such a departure may answer in the new and crude States of the West, but it would never do here."

WOULD AID THE HUSBAND.

In the opinion of Justice Gieglrich no such jury system will ever be introduced in New York, not even in the trial of divorce cases. Justice Gieglrich continued: "I believe the custom of making a divorce case jury half women and half men would invariably result to the husband's benefit in the case. A woman never has anything good to say for another of her sex. Besides, I don't believe in burdening the gentler sex with the onerous duty of serving upon juries. It is the hardest kind of work to sit all day and listen to evidence and argument. In divorce cases men are now treated fully as well as they deserve to be in most instances, and their lot in this regard should not be improved, as I think it would be by such an innovation."

Justice Gieglrich said he was not prepared on so short notice to state his opinion in the matter of instituting such a custom in New York and did not know that our present jury system would be improved by the enactment of a law allowing women to serve as jurors. He said: "Whether by such an arrangement the decisions of juries in divorce cases would be any more just is a question for discussion. It may be that women, from the fact that they are wrapped up in home affairs and ignorant of the general laws of business, would be incompetent as jurors in many cases, but I believe, however, that a jury composed in whole or in part of the good, true, noble women of our State would be as apt to render a just decision as any that could be empanelled. Our good women, of whom I believe there are great hosts, are actuated by the noblest and most honorable of sentiments, and no matter what duties they may be given to perform they will be relied on to act as the sentiments direct. However, I do not look to see them made jurors in New York State."

Commissioner of Juries Pliney said: "On general principles I do not believe women should ever do jury duty."

MRS. STANTON'S VIEWS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was emphatic in stating that she believed there should be an equal number of women and men on all juries for the trial of cases of all kinds. "Would you not welcome a change," she said, "if you and your sex had been dominated by women all your life? Woman is man's superior to-day in all walks of life. Take the laborer, for instance. A man who handles a pick and shovel gets into the trench and digs, digs, digs. The only faculty he brings into play is his muscle. His wife at home does her cooking and sewing, cuts and makes garments, carefully plans her daily work and does it regularly and systematically. In other words, she brings into play a dozen faculties while the man of the house simply digs. Would not female jurors favor the man's side of the case? Well, it's a poor rule that will not work both ways. That is equivalent to admitting that women are not accorded their rights under the present jury system."

"Most certainly women should serve as jurors," continued Mrs. Stanton. "Women are gradually forging to the front in all walks of life. We are now fast approaching the age when the sexes shall be equal. Education and the recognition of woman's innate powers and abilities are hastening this change. Women are to-day as competent to act as jurors as are men. There was Esther Morris, who was Justice of the Peace in Wyoming for two years. Not one of her decisions has ever been reversed."

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Young Wright Disappears Again. Westfield, N. J., March 27.—Edward Johnson Wright, is twenty-one years old. Every since he was a child he has had a habit of disappearing for months at a time, and then writing home at the end of these periodical absences for money with which to return. The last time he came back was after an absence of two years. He vanished again a few days ago.

ACCUSED DAUGHTER DID NOT TRY SUICIDE.

Mrs. Martha Whittaker, Charged with Killing Her Parents, Is Recovering.

Sentiment in Port Jervis Now Veering Toward Sympathy for the Accused Woman.

FUNERAL OF MOTHER AND FATHER.

A Prominent Criminal Lawyer Retained by Those Who Believe Mrs. Whittaker Innocent to Defend Her at the Inquest.

The three Port Jervis physicians, who have been in attendance upon the accused poisoner of her parents, Mrs. Martha Whittaker, have decided that the woman is not suffering from the effects of poison, but that her condition is caused by the extreme nervous strain she has been under since the death of her father Tuesday night. It is true that her symptoms were all that are usually to be found in cases of arsenical poisoning, but there is none of them that might not have been occasioned by excitement, lack of sleep and the mental anguish of being suspected of a horrible crime.

Her nausea and vomiting the doctors now think were due to lack of nourishment. The woman's condition has been none the less serious, but it is now thought that her recovery is but the matter of a few days. The weakness resulting from her utter collapse when told of the death of her mother was such that she could not walk alone, and had to be borne to the carriage when she was removed to the hospital and bodily carried up the stairs to the "strong room," where she now lies under constant watch.

THE PRISONER SEEMS CHEERFUL.

The two policemen who have been watching the suspect have not observed anything in the conduct of the sick woman to either strengthen or build up ground for the suspicion of her relatives that it was she who administered the poison.

"She just acts dumb," says Policeman Harvey, "and way down in the dumps; but then any one might act like that whose mother and father had just died, even if they hadn't committed the murder."

At times Mrs. Whittaker awakens from her sluggish, dazed condition temporarily and speaks rationally, declaring her innocence and denouncing her relatives as cruel and heartless. She has no friends, she declares, and the whole world is against her. Yesterday morning she expressed a desire for the newspapers, and when they were supplied she eagerly read the accounts of the poisoning. The references to the suspicious entertained by her relatives made her extremely nervous, and for a time she was upon the verge of another collapse.

There has been a decided revulsion of feeling among Port Jervis people who at once jumped to the conclusion that she could be no doubt of the woman's guilt. Everything that she had ever done at all out of the ordinary was speedily remembered and told again and again by the excited townspeople.

HER CASE EXCITES SYMPATHY.

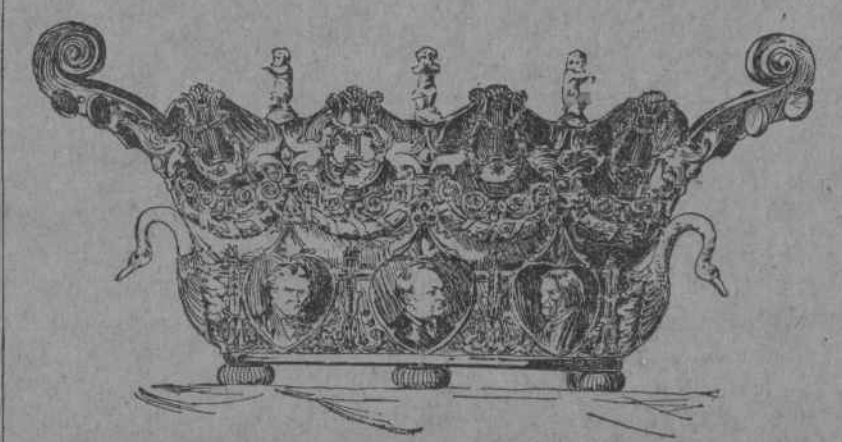
A movement was set on foot yesterday by her former associates and friends to have Wilton Bennett, the most prominent criminal lawyer in Port Jervis, retained as her counsel to look after her interests at the inquest and, if necessary, to defend her should she be held and formally charged with the murder of her parents. The evidence against her is far in excess of the slightest texture, and the only excuse the Coroner has for placing her under surveillance is her dying mother's charge that she administered the poison. It was learned yesterday from a reliable source that Mrs. Snyder, the ante-mortem statement expressed the dyed woman's suspicion of her daughter and based the suspicion upon the belief that she and her daughter only had access to the box of rat poison. Mrs. Snyder, though she had purchased the poison, had used none of it for household purposes. The fact that, though all of the family of six had eaten regularly at meals, only the father and mother had been affected was also brought out.

Lawyer Bennett says that they have no case against his client so far as he can see, but he admits the Coroner's right to place her under surveillance until the inquest is held. He believes that he will be able to clear her at the inquest.

FUNERAL OF THE PARENTS.

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder was held yesterday morning, and a great crowd of morbidly curious people from all parts of the township were attracted to the village. They crowded about the house, lined the curbside on either side of East Main street and filled the yard of the Baptist Church across the street. Only members of the family and representatives of the various fraternal organizations of which Mr. Snyder was a member were admitted to the house. It was only the presence of the village police that restrained the curious ones and prevented entrance by force. The Rev. S. Washington, of the Baptist Church, delivered the sermon, before which the friends were permitted to view the remains. The clergyman made no reference to the manner of the death of the engineer and his wife. He read portions of the 90th and 103d Psalms, and only referred to the suspected daughter in his prayer, asking that God might watch and guide her through the cloud of suspicion and trouble in which she now found herself. The coffins were plain and covered with black cloth, and upon the top of each rested wreaths and bunches of calla lilies and white carnations. The burial was in the old cemetery at Westbrookville.

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